

THE TRUE TEACHER

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*The True Teacher is that one
who, having no need to come, for my sake came;
having no need to remain, for my sake remains;
and who, having no need to go, will for my sake go:*

*who rocks me to sleep and at the same time awakens me;
makes me blind and at the same time sharpens
my sight,
and removes my ignorance by making me know
nothing:*

*who without admonition makes me aware of my
shortcomings;
without urging me to effort awakens and sustains my
interest;
and rewards me without letting my ego become inflated:*

*who puts on a coat when it is cold and takes it off when
it is hot,
satisfies hunger and thirst in the same way as I do,
but does not sleep as I sleep but watches for me my
sleeps of unconsciousness;*

*who in every way in everyday life acts like an
ordinary man,
is easily pleased and hurt, but being beyond pleasure
and pain,
suffers as no one else can suffer and whose bliss shines
through his suffering:*

*who is the father of children he has never begotten,
the mother who never brought forth with labour,
the brother and friend who sees no one but himself:*

*who is the Goal and its revelation and the pathway
to it
and the path-treader who treads no path any whither
because he is where he is and has never been
anywhere else:*

*who, in fact, is the supreme Reality
but appears to my eyes as very man, to my mind as
Rightness
and to my heart as the ineffable Beloved who may be
approached and attained.*

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